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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 7 September 1951

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - August 1951

- 1. The Western Europe Branch is completing a survey of GMDS material on German exploitation of Western Europe during World War II. This project was initiated at the request of ORR. The Western Europe Branch is also working with ORR on studies of Western Europe's economic potential to the USSR in the event of Soviet domination of that area.
- 2. The USSR Branch and the Scientific and Technical Branch are collaborating in a study of the economic organization under the Ministries of the USSR. This study is made at the request of ORR and is to be completed in 90 days.
- 3. Two Division members graduated from the Army's ID Strategic Intelligence School in August and two more are attending the current session.

4.	Five	members	of	FDD	completed	language	training	courses.

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The Division is planning language training, under the CIA training program, during the fall and winter semesters, in Advanced Polish, Burmese, Vietnamese, Chinese, Indonesian, Annamese, Arabic or Persian, Elementary Russian, Advanced Hebrew, and Advanced Hindi.

Plans are also being formulated for presentation of FDD courses in Rumanian and Czech. These courses will be offered to other interested CIA personnel through the Director of Training.

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5. Among material received was a new Soviet publication, Rabochiy Energetik (Power Worker and Engineer), published by the Ministry of Electric Power Stations USSR. This has only recently started publication and a subscription has been placed for its procurement.

Four titles of current Soviet newspapers not available through subscription were received from the Department of State. One was new in publication, Lesnaya Promoshlennost (Timber Industry), which is not yet available via subscription.

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7. Arrangements have been completed for procurement of specific overt Chinese Communist publications not available from other sources.

8. The publication of transliteration tables in the form of an unclassified, loose-leaf "Transliteration Manual" was in process with the cooperation of Management.

9. Attached are details as follows:

Appendix A -- Statistical Report on FDD Operations Appendix B -- Details on Personnel Actions

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1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations

2. Details on Personnel Actions